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In re Application of:

Examiner:

Laura Estelle Edwards

Yung-Ming Chen et al.

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Apparatus for Regulating Temperature of a Composition

and a Method of Coating Implantable Devices

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Edwards:

This is a response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2003, which had a statutorily shortened period for a response that ended on January 9, 2004. Enclosed in a petition for a one month extension, extending the period to respond to February 9, 2004.